

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers containing lead as a constituent component and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains not less than 40 wt% but not greater than 77.5 wt% CuO as a principal component of a starting material of an electrically conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material ~~mainly made of~~ more than 50 wt% of an oxide having a $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$ perovskite structure as said ceramic layer.

2.-4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) An electrode paste material according to claim 1, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.

6.-13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers ~~mainly made of~~ more than 50 wt% of an oxide having a $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$ perovskite structure and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains CuO and Cu as principal components of a starting material of an electrically conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material consisting of ~~at least one of the main components constituting said ceramic layer~~ an oxide having a $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$ perovskite structure, wherein the total content of CuO and Cu is not less than 40 wt% but not greater than

77.5 wt% calculated to CuO in terms of the ratio of the molecular weight and the content of said cooperative material is greater than 0.5 wt% but less than 25 wt%.

15.-17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously Amended) An electrode paste material according to claim 14, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.

19.-26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers containing lead as a constituent component and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains CuO as a principal component of a starting material of an electrically conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material ~~mainly~~ made of more than 50 wt% of an oxide having a $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$ perovskite structure as said ceramic layer, wherein the content of CuO is not less than 40 wt% but not greater than 77.5 wt%, and the content of said cooperative material is greater than 0.5 wt% but less than 25 wt%.

28. (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented) An electrode paste material according to claim 27, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.

30. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers ~~mainly~~ made of more than 50 wt% of an oxide having a $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$ perovskite structure and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains CuO and Cu as principal components of a starting material of an electrically

conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material mainly made of an oxide having a $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$ perovskite structure as said ceramic layer, wherein the total content of CuO and Cu is not less than 40 wt% but not greater than 77.5 wt% calculated to CuO in terms of the ratio of the molecular weight, and the content of said cooperative material is greater than 0.5 wt% but less than 25 wt%.

31. (Canceled).

32. (Previously Presented) An electrode paste material according to claim 30, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.